CHAPTER ELEVEN PASSION

The night of August 1st.
Gotham City Jail House.
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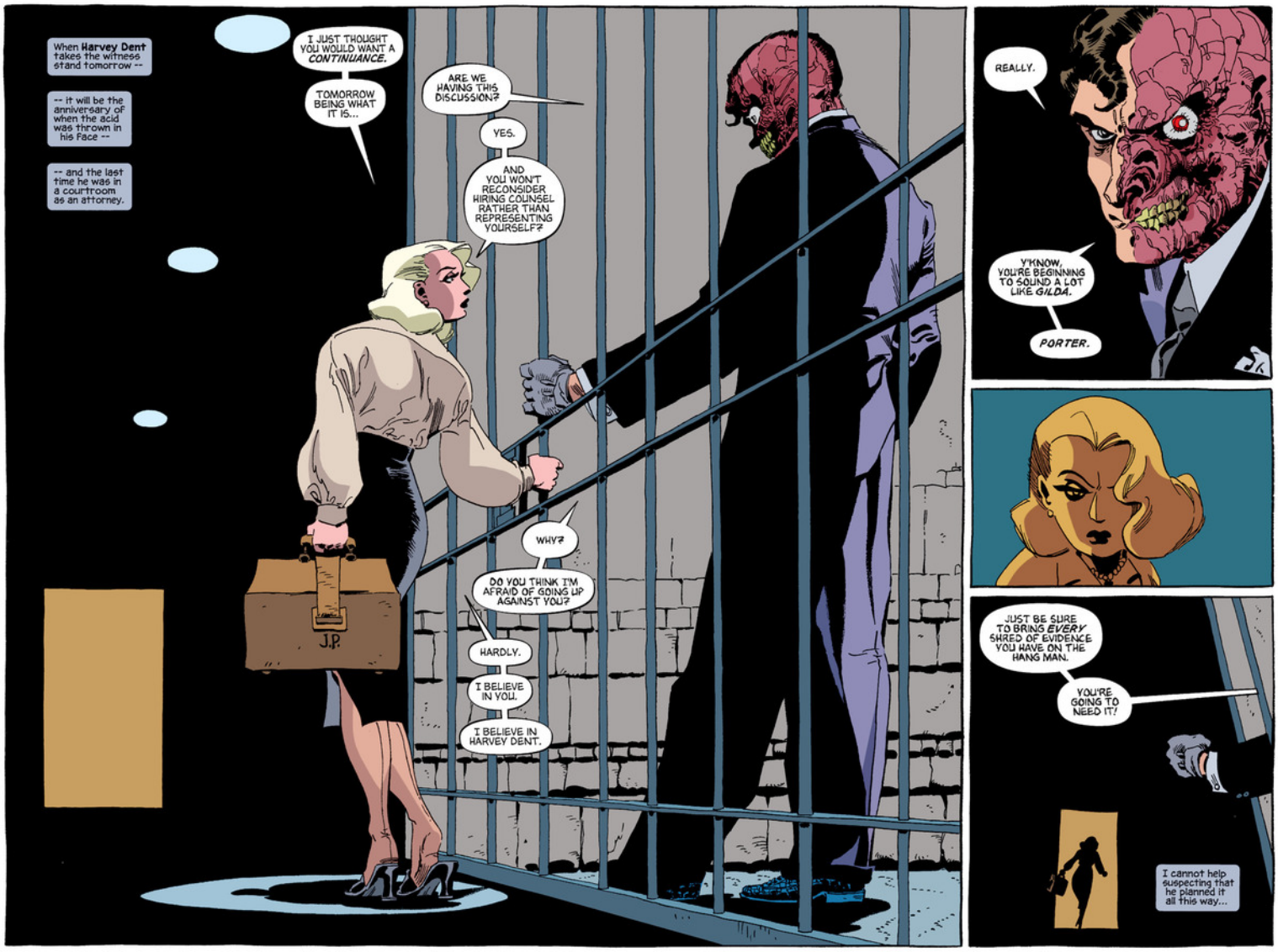

When Harvey Dent takes the witness stand tomorrow --
-- it will be the anniversary of when the acid was thrown in his face --
-- and the last time he was in a courtroom as an attorney.
I JUST THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT A CONTINUANCE.
TOMORROW BEING WHAT IT IS...
ARE WE HAVING THIS DISCUSSION?
YES.
AND YOU WON'T RECONSIDER HIRING COUNSEL RATHER THAN REPRESENTING YOURSELF?
WHY?
DO YOU THINK I'M AFRAID OF GOING UP AGAINST YOU?
HARDLY.
I BELIEVE IN YOU.
I BELIEVE IN HARVEY DENT.
J.P.
REALLY.
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE BEGINNING TO SOUND A LOT LIKE GILDA.
PORTER.
JUST BE SURE TO BRING EVERY SHRED OF EVIDENCE YOU HAVE ON THE HANG MAN.
YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT!
I cannot help suspecting that he planned it all this way...

Maroni's Restaurant only recently reopened since **The Joker** shot it to pieces on Mother's Day.

After hours, The Maroni Brothers, **Pino** and **Umberto,** are the last ones inside.
WHERE IS *ZUCCO?*

I DON'T KNOW. I SWEAR. I DON'T KNOW.

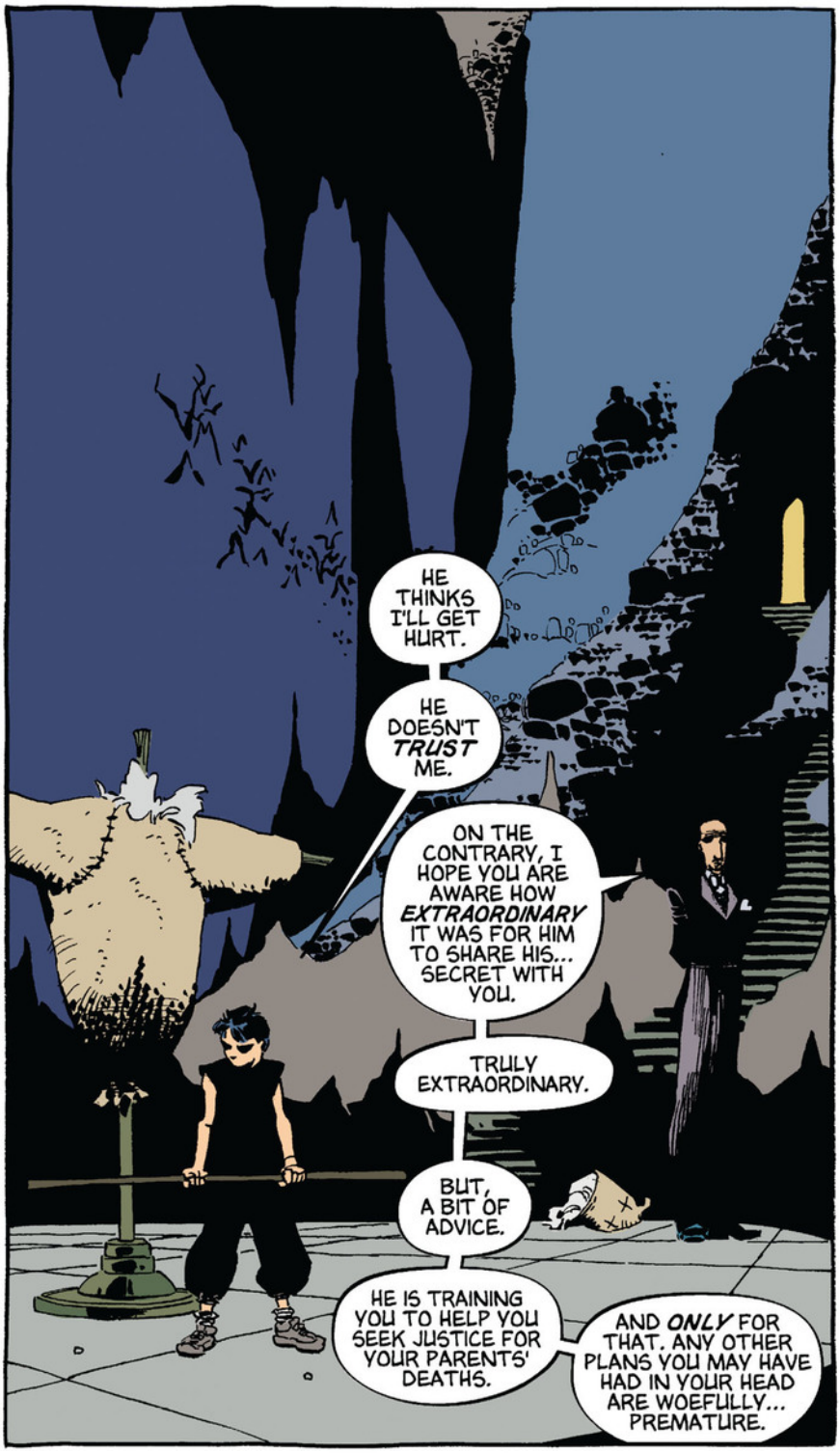
YOU WERE ALWAYS CONSIDERED THE *SMARTER* BROTHER, UMBERTO.
BE SMART.
ZUCCO *WORKS* FOR YOU.
I TOLD YOU. I DON'T KNOW, YOU FREAK!
HE'S GONE UNDER EVER SINCE THE CIRCUS THING!

UNG!
SIT BACK DOWN, PINO.

YOU'VE GOT *ONE* LAST CHANCE, UMBERTO...

In the caves beneath Wayne Manor.
I SHOULD BE OUT THERE WITH HIM.
NOT STUCK IN THIS CAVE WITH THESE BATS.
I'VE TRAINED.
I'M READY!

THAT WILL BE COMING OUT OF YOUR ALLOWANCE.

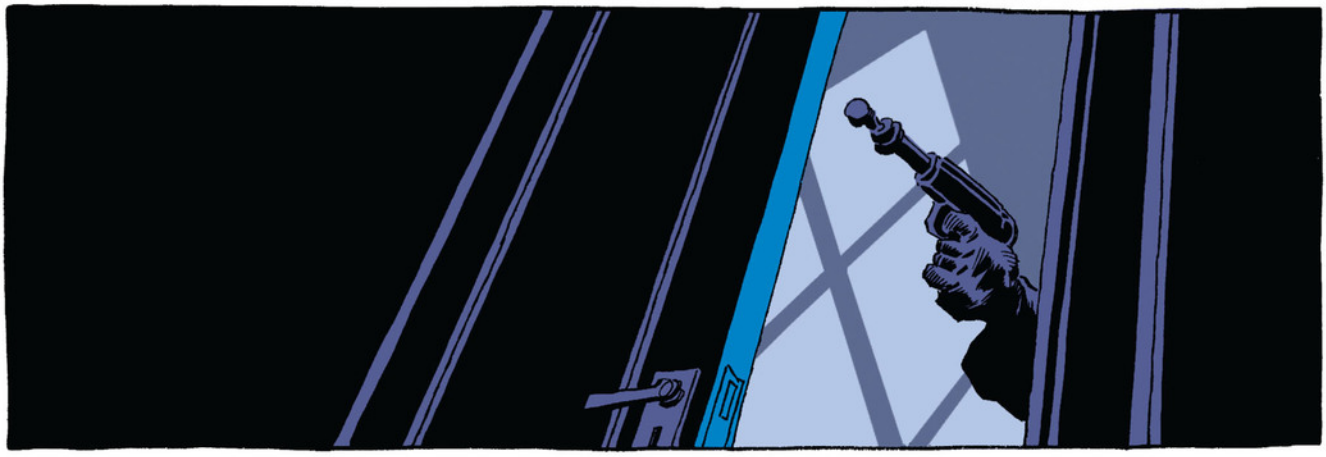

HE THINKS I'LL GET HURT.
HE DOESN'T TRUST ME.
ON THE CONTRARY, I HOPE YOU ARE AWARE HOW EXTRAORDINARY IT WAS FOR HIM TO SHARE HIS... SECRET WITH YOU.
TRULY EXTRAORDINARY.
BUT, A BIT OF ADVICE.
HE IS TRAINING YOU TO HELP YOU SEEK JUSTICE FOR YOUR PARENTS' DEATHS.
AND ONLY FOR THAT. ANY OTHER PLANS YOU MAY HAVE HAD IN YOUR HEAD ARE WOEFULLY... PREMATURE.

IT'S TIME.

The Falcone Estate. Where **Alberto Falcone** is kept under house arrest.
His sister, **Sofia Gigante,** the head of the weakening Falcone Empire, is here as well.
Past midnight is August 2nd. The birthday of their **dead father,** Carmine "The Roman" Falcone.

I GOT YOU A NEW GUN.
YOU HAVE TO FINISH WHAT YOU STARTED.

ELIMINATE *ANYONE* WHO STANDS IN YOUR WAY.
TAKE YOUR SEAT AT THE HEAD OF THE FIVE FAMILIES.
MAKE ME PROUD.



POPPA.

The Ox Club. A Maroni operation looked after by **Anthony "Fats" Zucco.**

YOU HAVE TO ANSWER FOR THE ***GRAYSON*** MURDERS, ZUCCO.

YEAH. RIGHT. LIKE I'M GONNA --

HEY! HOW'D YOU GET IN HERE? WHERE'S SKEEVERS AND THE BOYS?!

THE MARONIS GAVE YOU UP.

HOW YOU GOT THE ACID FROM THEM TO POUR ON THE TRAPEZE ROPES.

THE ***SAME*** ACID ***THEIR FATHER*** USED TO BURN OFF HARVEY DENT'S FACE.

THOSE RATS!

EXIT

SHUFFE

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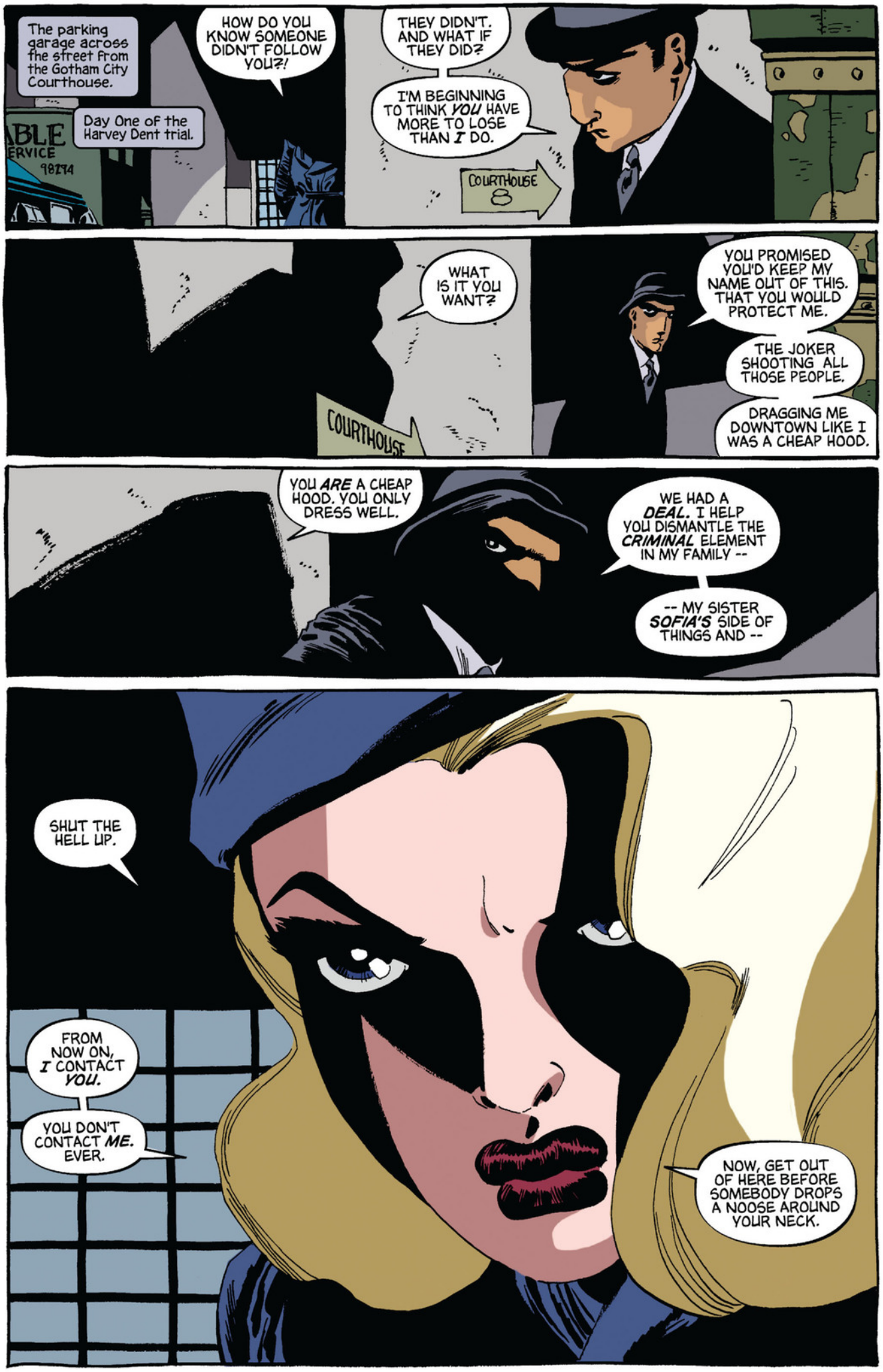
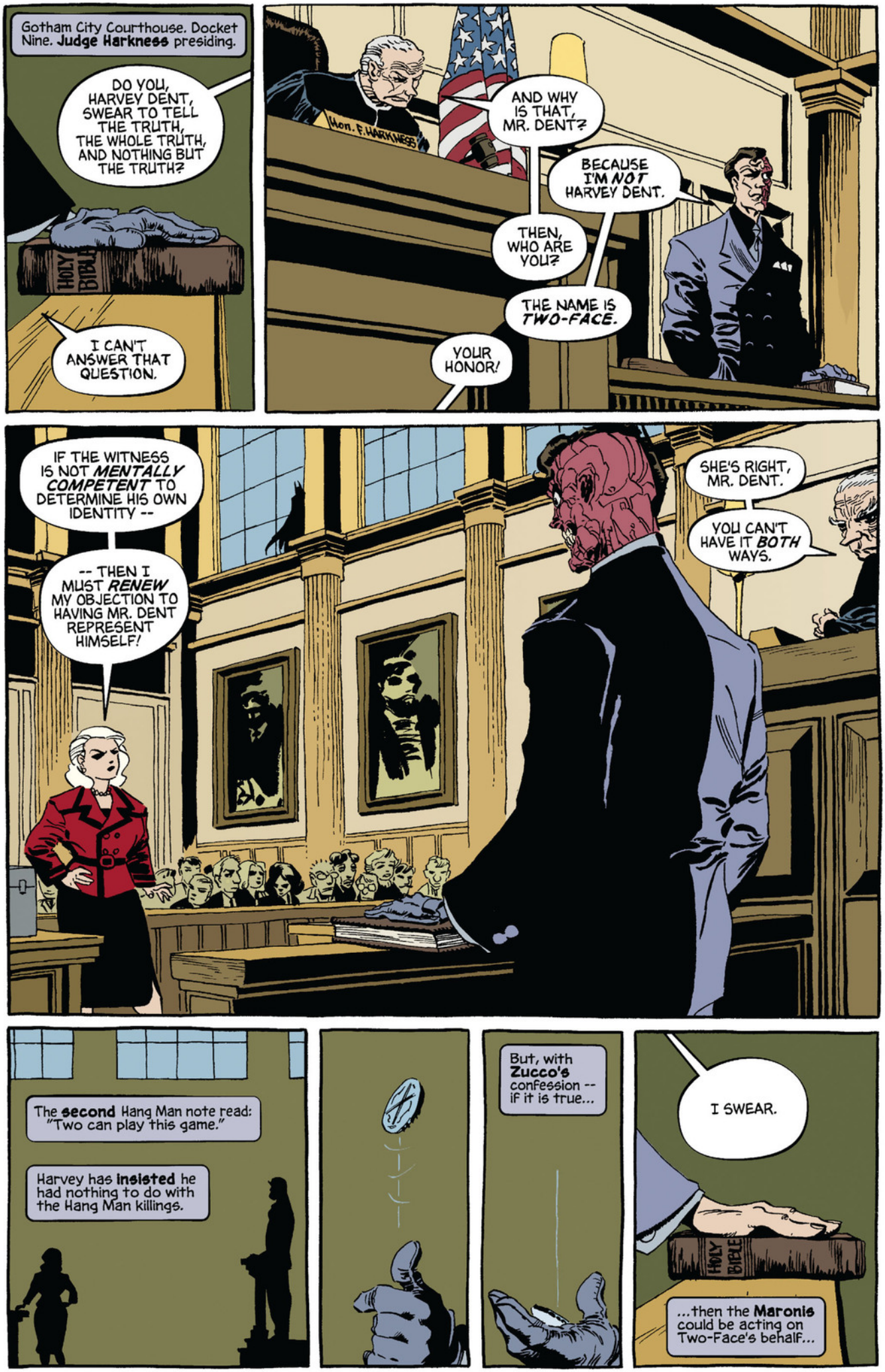
About a year after my parents were murdered, I started to dream about catching their killer.
HUFF HUFF
OW!
How I would chase him.
Relentlessly.
Until he would run into a blind alley.
YOU LITTLE --!
UNGH!
YOU CAN'T RUN AWAY, FAT MAN!
HUFF KAFF HUFF
The OX Club
He would try and fire his gun -- but it would be empty.
Impotent.

I would move in closer.
Closer.
ACK
CAN'T BREATHE...
His face would be filled with fear. Like mine was when he pointed the gun at me after shooting my parents.
YOU'RE FAKIN' IT. GET UP!
NOT...
...GET...HELP... BAD TICKER...
THERE'S AN AMBULANCE COMING.
...YOU... WANT ME... ALIVE...
...I KNOW... THINGS...
...I CAN GIVE YA THE ARKHAM JOB... LAST...LAST OCTOBER...
...IT WAS ME...AND THE MARONI BROTHERS... THE RATS...
...LISSEN...MARONIS DON'T WORK FOR... FALCONES...
...PROMISE... KEEP ME ALIVE..?
WHO DO THEY WORK FOR, ZUCCO?
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.
OKAY...SEE... THEY'RE NOT JUST BROTHERS...
...TWINS...
But, I always woke up before the dream ended...
HE'S DEAD.

...and to this day, I have yet to find my parents' killer.


The parking garage across the street from the Gotham City Courthouse.
Day One of the Harvey Dent trial.
HOW DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE DIDN'T FOLLOW YOU?!
THEY DIDN'T. AND WHAT IF THEY DID?
I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU HAVE MORE TO LOSE THAN I DO.
COURTHOUSE 8
WHAT IS IT YOU WANT?
COURTHOUSE
YOU PROMISED YOU'D KEEP MY NAME OUT OF THIS. THAT YOU WOULD PROTECT ME.
THE JOKER SHOOTING ALL THOSE PEOPLE.
DRAGGING ME DOWNTOWN LIKE I WAS A CHEAP HOOD.
YOU ARE A CHEAP HOOD. YOU ONLY DRESS WELL.
WE HAD A DEAL. I HELP YOU DISMANTLE THE CRIMINAL ELEMENT IN MY FAMILY --
-- MY SISTER SOFIA'S SIDE OF THINGS AND --
SHUT THE HELL UP.
FROM NOW ON, I CONTACT YOU.
YOU DON'T CONTACT ME. EVER.
NOW, GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE SOMEBODY DROPS A NOOSE AROUND YOUR NECK.


Gotham City Courthouse. Docket Nine. **Judge Harkness** presiding.
DO YOU, HARVEY DENT, SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH?
HOLY BIBLE
I CAN'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION.
Hon. F. HARKNESS
AND WHY IS THAT, MR. DENT?
BECAUSE I'M *NOT* HARVEY DENT.
THEN, WHO ARE YOU?
THE NAME IS *TWO-FACE.*
YOUR HONOR!
IF THE WITNESS IS NOT *MENTALLY COMPETENT* TO DETERMINE HIS OWN IDENTITY --
-- THEN I MUST *RENEW* MY OBJECTION TO HAVING MR. DENT REPRESENT HIMSELF!
SHE'S RIGHT, MR. DENT.
YOU CAN'T HAVE IT *BOTH* WAYS.
The **second** Hang Man note read: "Two can play this game."
Harvey has **insisted** he had nothing to do with the Hang Man killings.
But, with **Zucco's** confession -- if it is true...
I SWEAR.
HOLY BIBLE
...then the **Maronis** could be acting on Two-Face's behalf...

The courtroom is filled with families of the Hanged Police Officers.

If Dent **is** convicted, **Gordon** will have a tough time getting him out of here alive.

MR. DENT. THESE STRONG BOXES ARE FILLED WITH EVIDENCE RELATING TO THE ***HANG MAN KILLINGS.***

NINE MEN FROM THE GOTHAM CITY POLICE FORCE, PAST AND PRESENT, HAVE BEEN HANGED.

ALL WERE PINNED WITH NOTES THAT HAD TO DO WITH ***YOU,*** BOTH PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY.

HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT?

I CAN'T.

BUT, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THOSE NOTES WERE TAKEN FROM ***MY*** FILES.

FILES THAT WERE STORED IN ***YOUR*** OFFICE, COUNSELOR.

CARE TO EXPLAIN ***THAT?***

I... IT IS A MATTER OF RECORD THAT THOSE FILES WERE ***STOLEN*** FROM MY OFFICE ***BEFORE*** THE FIRST MURDER.

HOW CONVENIENT.

OH.

I AM NOT THE ONE ON TRIAL HERE, MR. DENT!

WHAT TIME IS IT?

Something is wrong. Two-Face is wearing a watch.

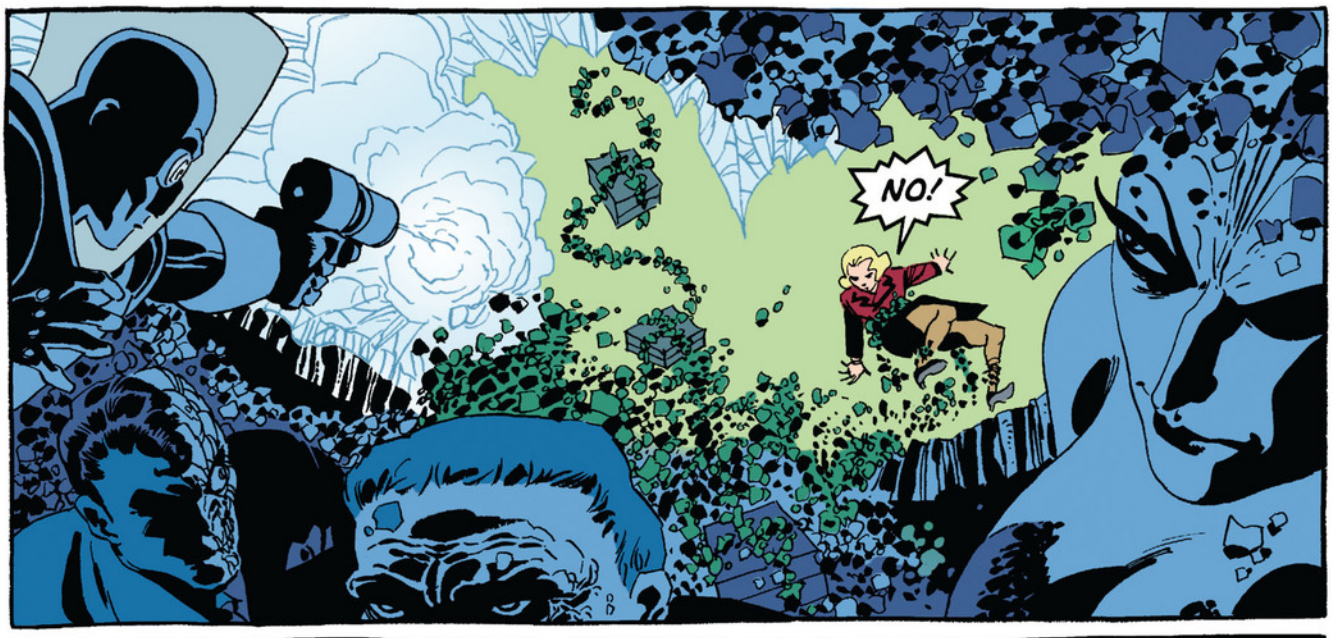
IT'S JUST ABOUT TWO O'CLOCK.

WHY?

Two...

I MOVE FOR A RECESS.

The night Two-Face shot and killed Carmine Falcone, I went in alone to stop him.
The smoke and flash grenades.
The swift, almost surgical approach of taking out the most immediate threats.
Harvey has taken **my** tactics and perverted them for his own use.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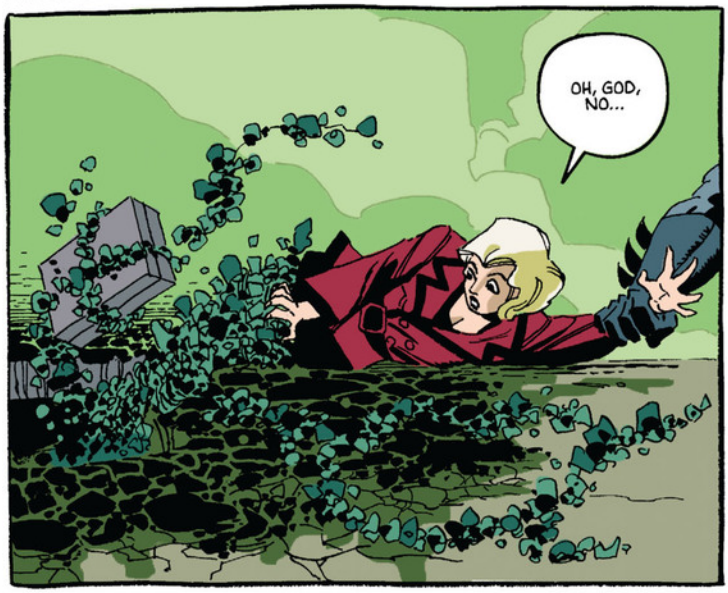
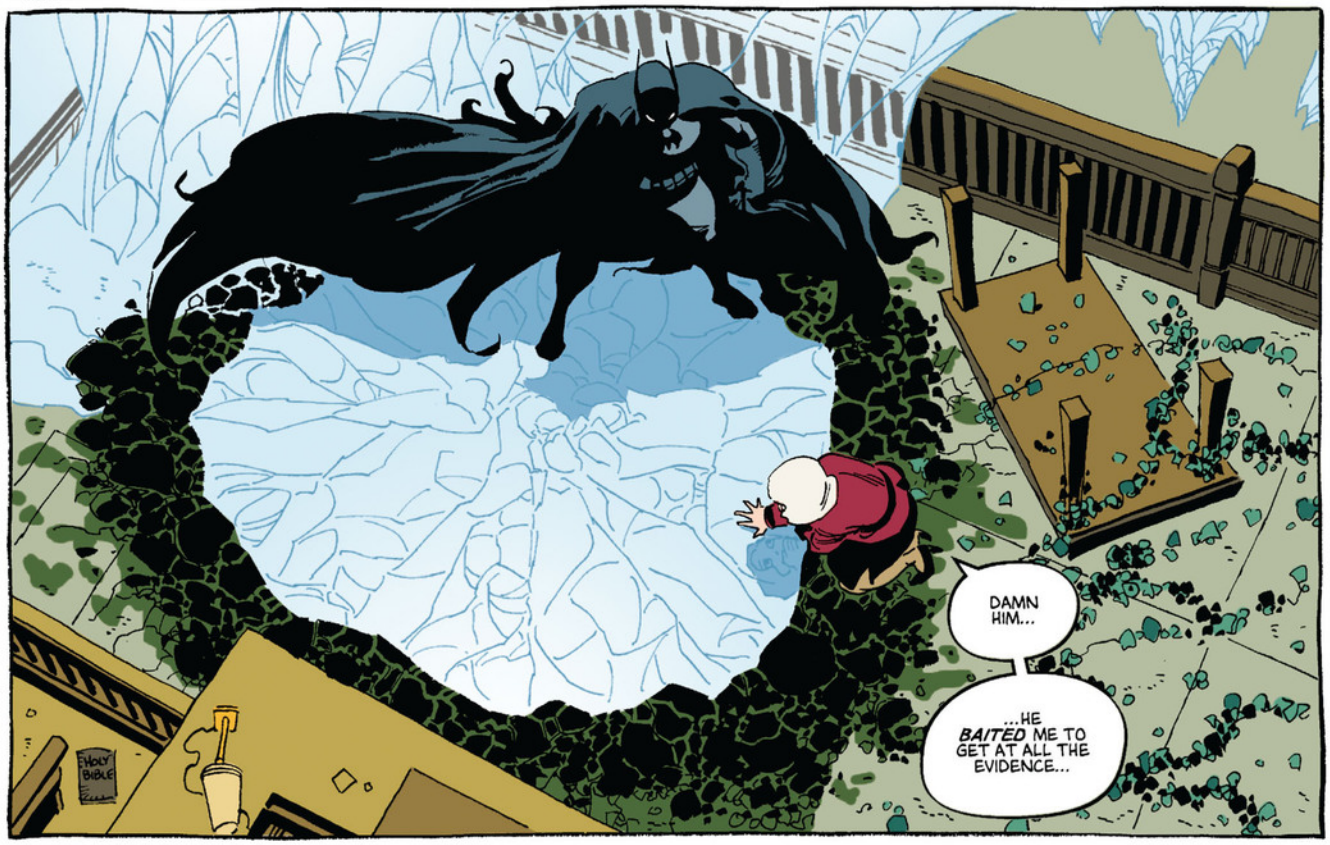
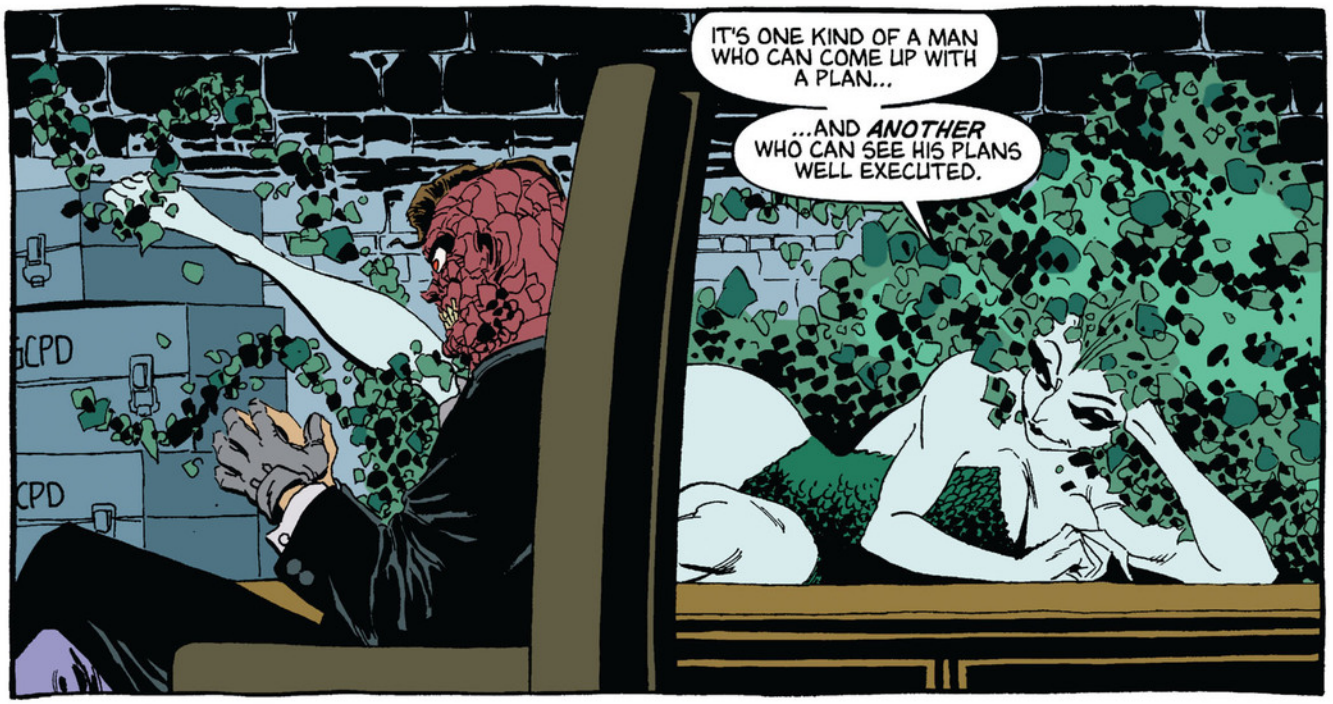

OH, GOD, NO...

I'VE GOT YOU.


DAMN HIM...
...HE *BAITED* ME TO GET AT ALL THE EVIDENCE...
HOLY BIBLE


IT'S ONE KIND OF A MAN WHO CAN COME UP WITH A PLAN...
...AND ANOTHER WHO CAN SEE HIS PLANS WELL EXECUTED.
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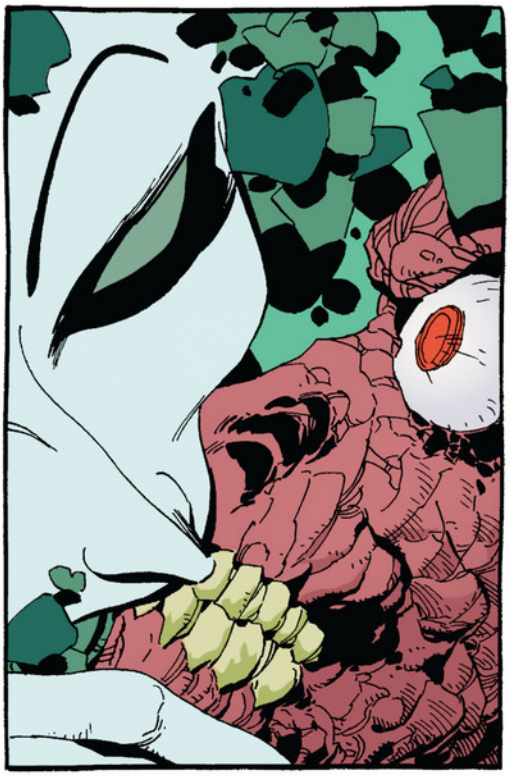
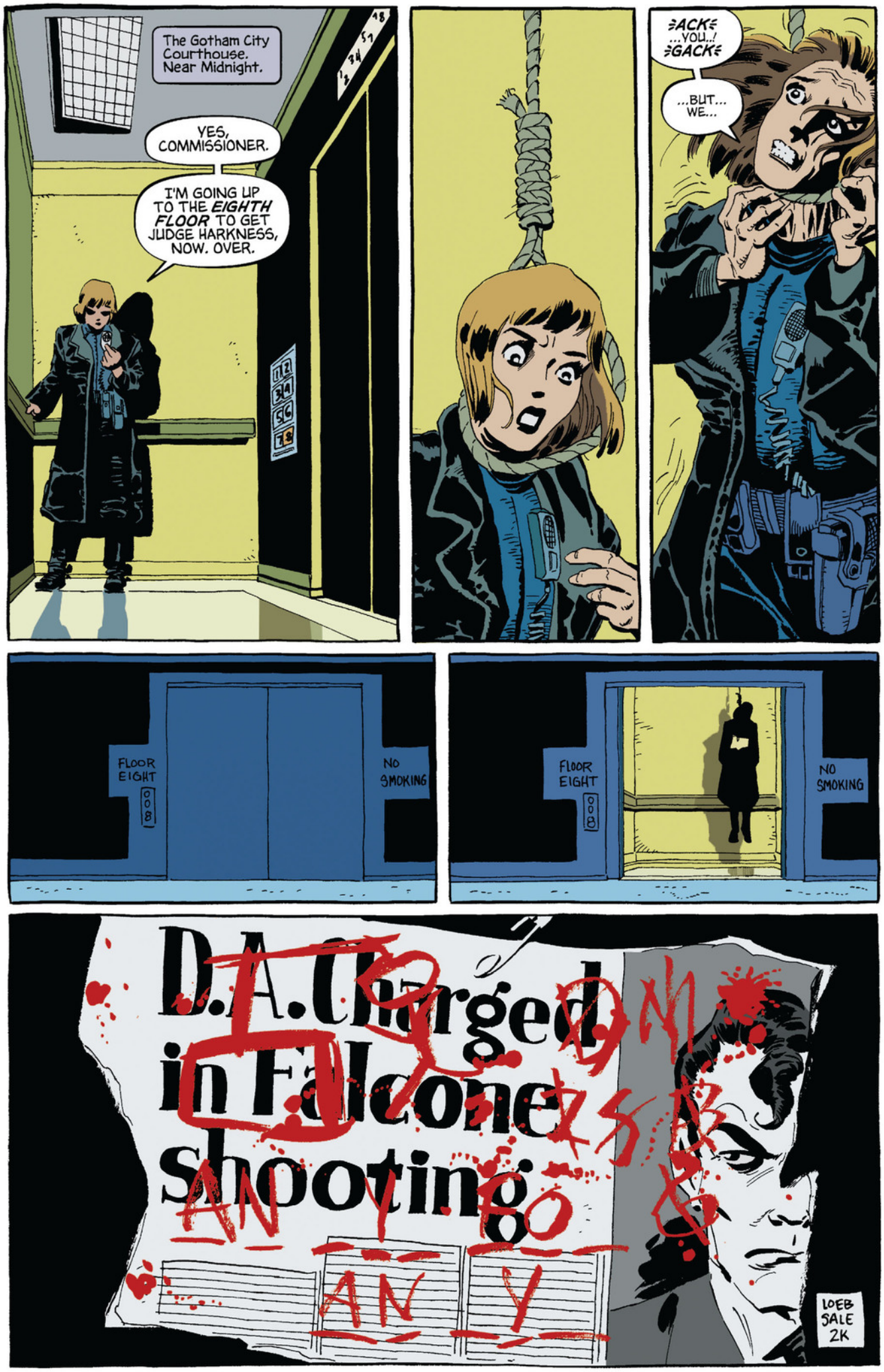
I LIKE THAT KIND OF MAN.
I LIKE YOU.



GET OUT OF HERE.
BUT --
-- NO ONE CAN RESIST ME.

GO TO HELL.


The Gotham City Courthouse. Near Midnight.
YES, COMMISSIONER.
I'M GOING UP TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR TO GET JUDGE HARKNESS, NOW. OVER.
GACK ...YOU...! GACK
...BUT... WE...
FLOOR EIGHT
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NO SMOKING
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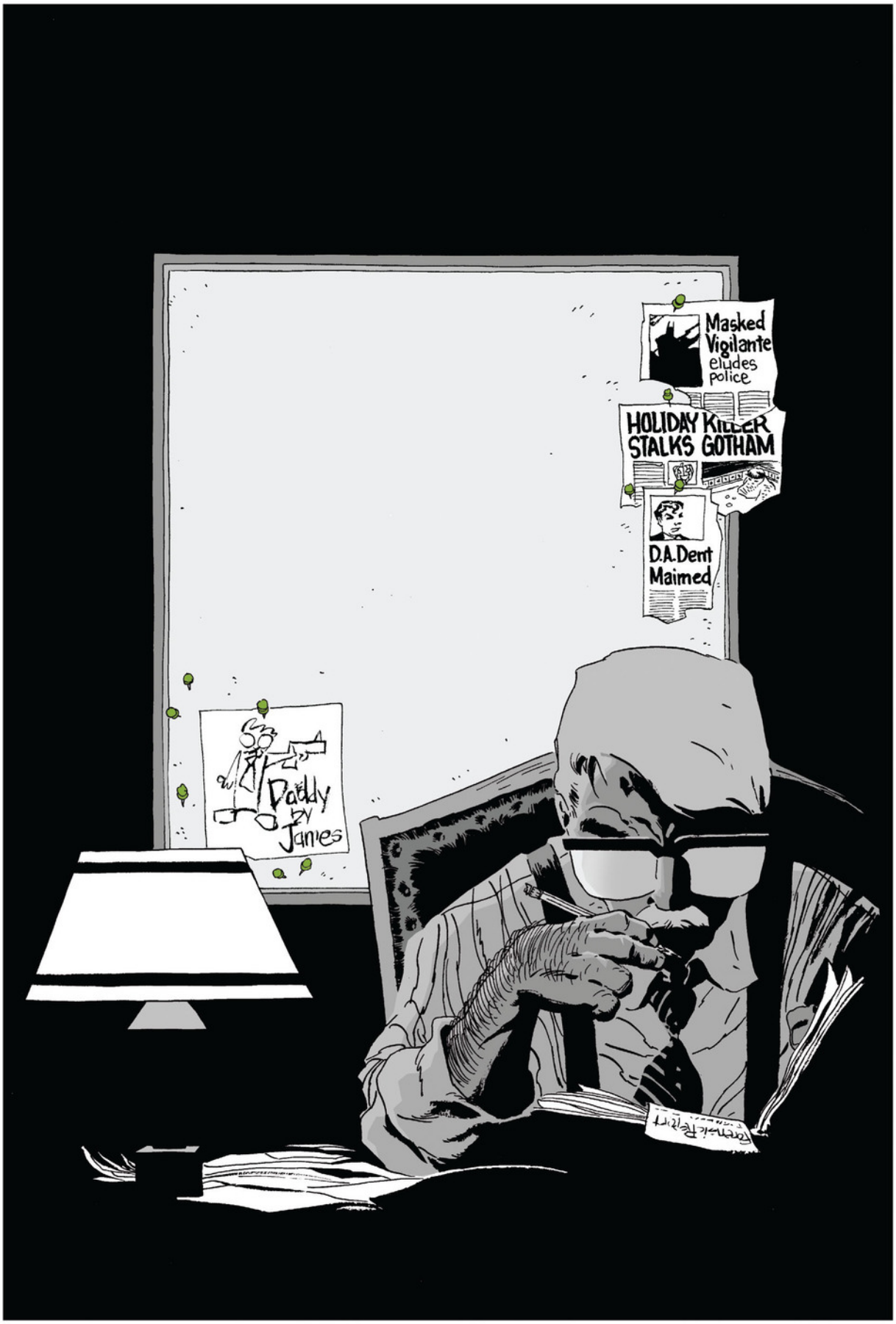
D.A. Charged in Falcone Shooting
LOEB SALE 2K


Masked Vigilante eludes police
HOLIDAY KILLER STALKS GOTHAM
D.A. Dent Maimed
Daddy by James